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## CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed May 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.39 million, down 2 percent from the previous year and down slightly from May 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.24 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000.

Marketings during April totaled 1.71 million, 11 percent above 2001 and 7 percent above 2000.

Other disappearance during April was 71,000 head, 4 percent below 2001 but unchanged from 2000.

## U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2001 but slightly above May 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.37 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 210,000, 600-699 pounds were 255,000, 700-799 pounds were 512,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 476,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, March and April 2002

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1000 head					
Mar	314	372	702	5654	1,953
Apr	210	255	512	476	1,453

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed April 1			Placed during April			Marketed during April			Other disappearance during April			Number on feed May 1		
	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	309	314	102	27	26	96	25	34	136	3	2	67	308	304	99
CA	435	485	111	60	59	98	50	61	122	10	3	30	435	480	110
CO	1,190	1,120	94	160	165	103	170	190	112	10	15	150	1,170	1,080	92
IA	385	395	103	37	40	108	41	49	120	1	1	100	380	385	101
KS	2,460	2,420	98	350	320	91	395	445	113	35	25	71	2,380	2,270	95
NE	2,350	2,300	98	250	260	104	345	380	110	5	10	200	2,250	2,170	96
TX	2,730	2,900	106	440	365	83	520	550	106	10	15	150	2,640	2,700	102
7 States	9,859	9,934	101	1,324	1,235	93	1,546	1,709	111	74	71	95	9,183	9,389	102
Oth. Sts.	1,664	1,643	99	227	218	96	269	282	105	15	12	80	1,987	1,567	79
U.S.	11,523	11,577	100	1,551	1,453	94	1,815	1,991	110	89	83	93	11,170	10,956	98

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
Apr 6	1/		71.78		1/		72.18	
Apr 13	1/		68.47		1/		68.81	
Apr 20	77.17		67.25		1/		68.81	

1/ Not available.

# CHICKENS AND EGGS

## FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2002 averaged 31.0 cents, down nine cents from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 209 million eggs, down four percent from the previous month.

## UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.08 billion during April 2002, down slightly from last year. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2002 averaged 336 million, slightly lower than the average number of layers during April 2001. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,109 eggs, slightly higher than the 2,106 eggs in April 2001. April 2002 contained 22 weekdays, and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays and four Saturdays in April 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2002, totaled 335 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2002, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, slightly higher than a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.64 billion eggs during April 2002, down slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during April, at 314 million, was down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received  
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2001	2002
January	54.0	41.0
February	50.0	44.0
March	52.0	50.0
April	50.0	40.0
May	40.0	31.0
June	45.0	
July	43.0	
August	44.0	
September	42.0	
October	44.0	
November	46.0	
December	43.0	

**FLORIDA:** Layers on hand first of month,  
percent molting and molted

	May 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	May 2002
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,560	10,507	10,551	10,567
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	6.0	7.0	6.0	6.5
Molt completed	31.0	26.5	29.5	28.5

Layers and egg production, April 2002, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date <sup>1/</sup>	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand			Millions			Percent	
Alabama	10,232	1,857	190	52	138	974	1.5	6.0
Arkansas	15,255	1,862	284	102	182	1,389	2.0	6.5
California	23,709	2,105	499			2,542	7.0	28.0
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,551</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>28.5</b>
Georgia	20,438	2,031	415	240	175	2,093	6.0	11.5
Indiana	22,510	2,181	491	479	12	2,439	7.5	31.5
Iowa	35,817	2,220	795			3,933	5.5	29.5
Maine	4,009	2,195	88			474	0.0	1.0
Maryland	3,141	2,229	70	66	4	368	3.5	46.0
Michigan	6,588	2,142	141			706	7.5	32.0
Minnesota	11,620	2,186	254	245	9	1,325	6.5	29.0
Mississippi	6,790	1,915	130	40	90	654	3.0	9.0
Missouri	6,988	2,132	149			740	4.0	20.5
Nebraska	11,438	2,081	238	238		1,185	8.0	26.5
New York	3,872	2,299	89			461	0.5	7.0
North Carolina	11,320	1,855	210	73	137	1,048	2.0	5.0
Ohio	30,100	2,126	640			3,243	5.0	17.0
Pennsylvania	23,336	2,288	534	517	17	2,687	4.5	20.5
South Carolina	5,333	2,119	113	94	19	580	5.5	33.0
Texas	18,476	2,127	393			1,986	7.0	19.0
Virginia	3,311	1,963	65	30	35	322	3.5	12.0
Washington	5,159	2,233	115			572	15.0	39.0
Other States	45,802	2,054	443	356	87	2,224	9.2	24.7
United States	335,795	2,109	7,081	5,993	1,088	35,702	5.7	21.6

<sup>1/</sup> Production year begins December 1.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,267,000 was 10 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 7,156,000, were unchanged from a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during April at 543,000 chicks was 35 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 524,000 were 30 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The April 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 765 million, was up 1 percent from April of the previous year. There were 650 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2002, up 7 percent from April 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 38.2 million, down 11 percent from April 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.0 million on May 1, 2002, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 295,000 during April 2002, down 5 percent from April 2001.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2001	2002	2002 % of 2001
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	36,554	35,952	98
Chicks hatched during Apr	42,768	38,212	89
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	311	295	95
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,096	3,225	104
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	644,654	649,526	101
Chicks hatched during Apr	755,455	764,982	101
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,398	6,814	107
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	62,267	60,989	98

<sup>1/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2000 through September 2001 <sup>2/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2001 through September 2001.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 214 million pounds of milk during April 2002, 6 percent less than the previous April. Production per cow of 1,420 pounds was 4 percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 151,000, 2 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from April 2001. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from March 2001. The March revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,614 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2001.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 12,000 head more than April 2001, and 8,000 head more than March 2002.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
April	2001	154	1,475	227
March	2002	151	1,505	227
April	2002	151	1,420	214
20 Major States:				
April	2001	7,740	1,571	12,156
March	2002	7,744	1,649	12,771
April	2002	7,752	1,614	12,513
United States				
April	2001	--	--	14,078
March	2002	--	--	14,824
April	2002	--	--	14,491

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,143	9,105	4,514	4,642	41,267	42,264
Apr-Jun	9,114		4,683		42,681	
Jul-Sep	9,098		4,459		40,570	
Oct-Dec	9,105		4,483		40,818	
Annual Total	9,115		18,139		165,336	

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for April 2002 was 5.9 million pounds, 18 percent above the same month last year. Commer-

cial production of red meat in the United States for April at 3.90 billion pounds, was 11 percent above 2001.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002
<b>Florida</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	7	8	9	28	33
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	8	7	32	26
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,488	1,372	1,340	5,998	4,785
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.0	5.4	5.9	19.9	21.5
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,714	2,737	2,948	11,214	11,356
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,218	3,397	3,618	13,534	14,148
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,186	1,241	1,227	1,207	1,246
Beef production (million pounds)	1,939	2,059	2,194	8,121	8,570
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	74	78	82	328	320
Total liveweight (million pounds)	25	25	27	107	104
Average liveweight (pounds)	340	323	327	328	324
Veal production (million pounds)	15	15	16	65	62
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,837	7,981	8,428	32,413	32,567
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,073	2,132	2,254	8,562	8,703
Average liveweight (pounds)	265	267	267	264	267
Pork production (million pounds)	1,533	1,581	1,673	6,337	6,452
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,508	3,677	3,902	14,604	15,161

<sup>1/</sup>Does not include calf slaughter data.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions

April 2001 and 2002

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2001		2002		Grade	2001		2002	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	134.35	118.66	118.99	103.26	Large #1	113.49	103.69	102.75	88.26
Medium #2	119.88	105.05	107.44	95.43	Medium #1	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>
					Medium #2	100.23	92.40	92.62	84.35
All grades	130.79	115.32	116.38	101.32	All grades	109.89	100.76	99.89	87.59

SOURCE: FDA & CS Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. <sup>1/</sup> Not available.